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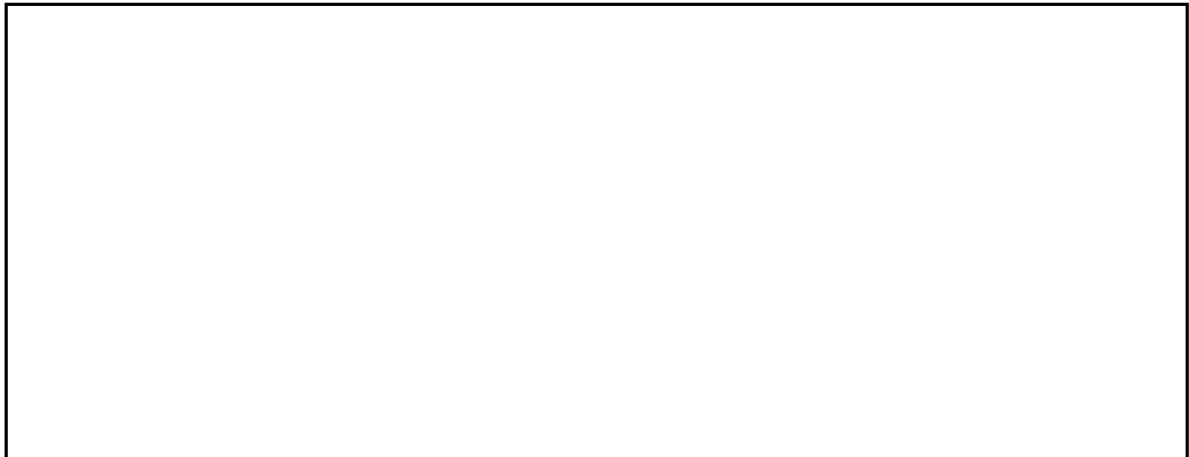
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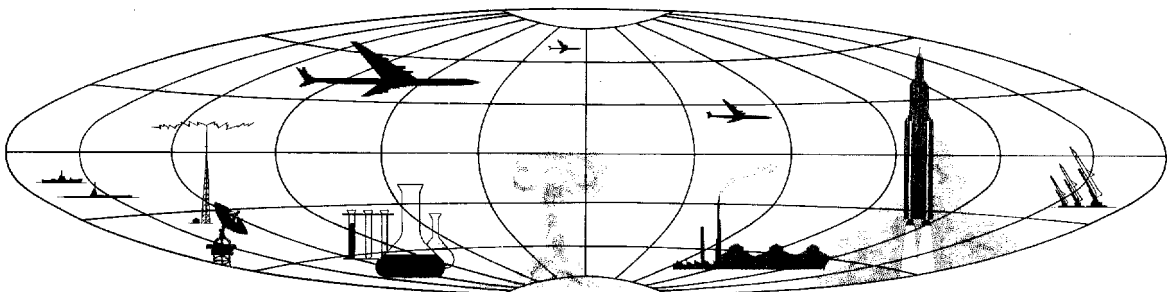


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INTRODUCTION

This report is a reevaluation of three high-density electronic areas in Cuba which have previously been covered in detail in NPIC/R-61/64, January 1964. 1/ The results of the present study, based on photography of [REDACTED] show that two of these areas, the Havana and the Limonar field communications centers, once the two

largest in Cuba, have now been dismantled. On the other hand, the third site, Bejucal, has more than tripled in size, leading to the possibility of a command regrouping with headquarters located at this site.

In addition, the Torrens and Santiago de las Vegas areas were examined for possible new electronic activity and none was found.

DETAILED EVALUATION

Limonar Field Communications Center

Photography of [REDACTED] shows that this center has been removed in its entirety. A detailed description of its arrangement and components as of [REDACTED] is given on pages 20 and 21 of NPIC/R-61/64.

Havana Communications Center and Torrens Area

The Havana Communications Center, also known as Torrens Site No 3, was one of six field communications facilities in the Torrens area. The specific locations, arrangements, and components of these sites as of [REDACTED] are described in detail on pages 19 and 20 of NPIC/R-61/64.

Photography [REDACTED] shows that the Havana center has been removed in its entirety and that its antenna field is now occupied by an AAA battery. The same photography discloses that Torrens Sites No 2, 4, 5, and 6 have also been

completely removed. Sites No 1 and 3A, however, remain essentially unchanged.

Bejucal Field Communications Center

When listed on page 4 of NPIC/R-61/64 as a probable SIGINT -- FIX EIGHT site, it was pointed out that this facility could possibly be a field communications site, instead. Since then, sufficient numbers of electronic vans have been added so that the site can now be classed definitely as a field communications center.

Photography [REDACTED] shows that this site now includes one canvas-covered and 23 visible electronic and communications vans widely dispersed over the top of a conspicuous 525-foot hill, with an additional 17 electronic vans held in reserve (Figure 1). Also, approximately 47 large tents on rectangular frames have been scattered among the various administration and support facilities previously described in NPIC/R-61/64. A sufficient number of masts

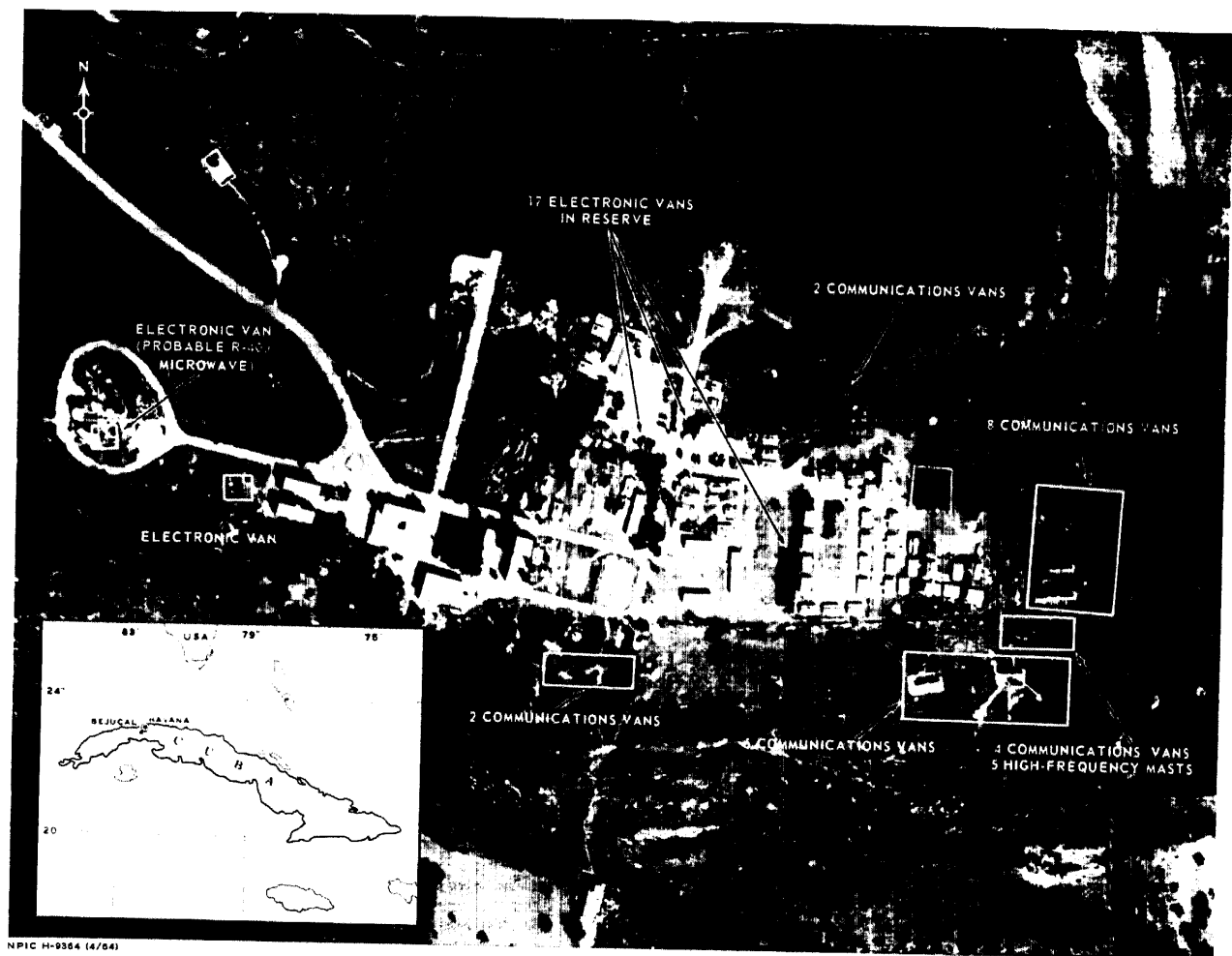


FIGURE 1. FIELD COMMUNICATIONS CENTER NEAR BEJUCAL, [REDACTED]

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can be seen to determine that high-frequency-type antennas are being utilized, but the exact number or type cannot be determined because of the scale of the available photography. However, the present arrangement of components approximates that which formerly existed at the Havana Communications Center.

Santiago de las Vegas Area

This entire area was reexamined and no previously unreported electronic facilities were found. However, the Bejucal Field Communications Center is only 3.2 nautical miles to the south, which may account for indications of activity in this area.

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